

an address module in order to store a plurality of lists with subscriber identifications, the lists being assigned, in each case, to at least one subscriber in the telephone network, and, in the address module, certain subscriber identifications in a list of a subscriber being combined into a group;

a receiving module in order to receive the messages from subscribers in the telephone network via the telephone network and store them, in each case, together with an identification of the subscriber who has placed the message;

a speech recognition module, which makes it possible for a subscriber to determine, by means of spoken language, subscribers and/or groups of subscribers to whom a message is supposed to be addressed;

a transmission module in order to transmit stored messages, by means of an automatic call, to the determined subscribers and/or groups of subscribers; and

a reply module for receiving and storing replies of a subscriber to whom messages are transmitted.

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28. (New) The message exchange according to claim ~~27~~¹⁹, wherein the speech recognition module makes it possible for a subscriber to create and administer the lists by means of spoken language.

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29. (New) The message exchange according to claim ~~27~~¹⁹, wherein a subscriber identification comprises the name of the respective subscriber.

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30. (New) The message exchange according to claim ~~27~~¹⁹, wherein a subscriber identification comprises the call number of the respective subscriber.

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31. (New) The message exchange according to claim ~~27~~¹⁹, wherein certain subscriber identifications are stored as voice signals.

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32. (New) The message exchange according to claim ~~27~~¹⁹, wherein the message exchange comprises at least one tariff table, which makes it possible for the transmission module to transmit certain messages at times having economical tariffs.

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33. (New) The message exchange according to claim ~~27~~¹⁹, wherein the message exchange comprises a table with statistical information on the traffic load in the telephone

network, which makes it possible for the transmission module to transmit certain messages at times of low traffic load.

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~~34.~~ (New) The message exchange according to claim 27, wherein the reply module can receive a reply, store and transmit, to the addressed subscribers, messages from a subscriber to whom messages were sent, which messages can be addressed to a group of subscribers.

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~~35.~~ (New) The message exchange according claim ~~27~~¹⁹, wherein a list also contains access rights.

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~~36.~~ (New) A method of receiving and storing spoken messages, and transmitting these messages to one or more subscribers in a public switched telephone network comprising;

storing a plurality of lists, with subscriber identifications, in a message exchange connected to the telephone network, the lists being assigned, in each case, to at least one subscriber in the telephone network, and certain subscriber identifications in a list of a subscriber being combined in a group;

receiving, in the message exchange, messages of subscribers in the public switched telephone network via the said telephone network and storing, in each case, together with an identification of the subscriber, who has given the message, subscriber's address messages to subscribers and/or groups of subscribers by designating to the message exchange the respective subscribers or groups of subscribers by means of spoken language;

identifying, by use of a speech recognition module, the list of the respective subscriber, the said subscribers and/or groups of subscribers designated by the subscriber;

transmitting, by means of an automatic call with the message exchange, stored messages to the identified subscribers and/or groups of subscribers; and

receiving and storing, by means of the message exchange, replies of a subscriber, to whom messages were transmitted.

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~~37.~~ (New) The method according to claim 36, wherein certain subscriber identifications are stored as voice signals.

38. (New) The method according to claim 36, wherein status information is stored concerning the transmission of messages to subscribers, and messages not successfully transmitted can be repeatedly transmitted.

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39. (New) The method according to claim 36, wherein at least one tariff table is monitored, and certain messages are transmitted to addressed subscribers at economical tariff times.

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40. (New) The method according to claim 36, wherein statistical information on the traffic load in the telephone network is stored in a table, and certain messages are transmitted to the addressed subscribers at times of low traffic load.

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41. (New) The method according to claim 36, wherein certain messages are transmitted via the Internet.

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42. (New) The method according to claim 36, wherein messages, from a subscriber to whom messages were sent, are received as reply, stored and transmitted to the addressed subscribers, which messages can be addressed to a group of subscribers.

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43. (New) The method according claims 36, wherein certain subscribers administer the lists by means of spoken language.

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44. (New) A computer-readable data carrier, which contains coded data representing a computer program, which makes it possible to control a message exchange according to claim 27 in such a way that it carries out a method according to claim 36.

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Abstract

A voice-controlled message exchange apparatus and method for receiving spoken messages, from a plurality of subscribers in a public switched telephone network via the